Narrowing the time period when the Strevell House was built in Pontiac at 401 W. Livingston Street

In the 1855 Illinois State Census, Z. H. Nettleton is living in Livingston County.

I went to the old Courthouse in Pontiac today to the Recorder's Office. My goal was to find when Z. H. Nettleton bought the land where he built a house at 401 West Livingston Street in Pontiac, Illinois.

The oldest book they have covers April 1853 to February 1867. This book is titled ***General Index Grantor*** and has a red cover. Because the pages are laminated, you can not take a good photo of any entry.

Since the house is in Pontiac, Illinois, in block 27, I scanned the block column on every page in that book.

I found one transaction for block 27 under the "S" tab.

Grantor (meaning seller) = Newly Stevens

Seller (meaning buyer) = Z. N. Nettleton (the N could be an H).

Instrument = WD = Warranty Deed

Date filed = December 6, 1853.

Added note was…….Pontiac…….SE1/2 Block 27 [house is on the southeast corner of block 27]

Book = illegible

Book page = 253

There is supposed to be a supporting document in the book referenced, but we were unable to find it. We tried "S" and "G", but did not find it.

CONCLUSION:

Z. H. Nettleton bought the land on December 6, 1853. It is very likely he built a house on this lot in 1854, since he had moved to Livingston County by the 1855 Census.

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